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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 12-16, 18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hunter et al (US Pat. 5,921,422)

Regarding claims 1-5, 8-9, 12-16, 18-26 Hunter et al disclose a coupler 108 for releasably fastening a computer peripheral device 100 to another device 102, the coupler comprising: a first portion 200, 202 operable to engage the computer peripheral device 100 and a second portion 200, 202 operable to engage the other device 102 and a body 108 for joining the first portion to the second portion and that is inoperable to couple an electrical signal from one of the device to the other device; a first portion is insertable into a complimentary receptacle 104 of the computer peripheral device 100 wherein the second portion is insertable into a complimentary receptacle 104 of the other device, a connector 108 operable to mount the computer peripheral device 100 to the other device 102.

Regarding method claims 14-16, 18 the structure device as mention above can perform the method claims.

Conclusion

2. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Field can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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